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MUMIA Abu-Jamal NEEDS YOUR HELP

Mumia Abu-Jamal needs your help. As mentioned in Animadverse issue #4, he is currently on death row, and has been on death row since 1982. Mumia is serving a death sentence in which he should not be on. Mumia, the former president of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists was entitled by the people "The Voice of the Voiceless".

He was driving his taxi car on December 9, 1981, when he witnessed police beating up his brother (who was pulled over for a minor traffic offense.) Mumia then approached the scene to help his

brother. He was shot in the stomach by the cop. In the following circumstance, the cop was shot and it resulted to his death. Witnesses claimed that the gunman fled on foot, while Mumia and his brother awaited for an ambulance. He was then charged three days later with the murder. There wasn't any proof of fingerprints or evidence that linked either a bullet or a gun to him.

At his trial he was denied the choice of a defense attorney. The prosecutor refused all black jurors except for one.

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FORWARD YOUR LIFE TOWARDS FREEDOM

There is one question that needs to be asked to everyone. Why do you choose to follow, believe, support and trust the people in power? Don't you realise that your lives are being exploited, oppressed and repressed for the "politician's" needs, for their democratic, capitalist system? You are being mislead, and have been mislead into a life that is so unnatural, naive and oppressive.

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THE DEATH PENALTY

Racism is increasing rapidly in the justice system. It continues to have an impact on prisoners. Race seems to be a very important factor when it comes to deciding who receives a lesser punishment for the same crime. Sentence patterns have been researched for the past fifteen years, which proves that the sentence you get often depends on your race.

The easiest way to show this to you, is to give you the make-up of the death row population

As of April 24/1991, 966 (39%) of prisoners under death row in amerikka were black, while only 12% of the population nationally is black. In most states blacks condemned to death outnumber whites condemned to death.

Alabama-51 (47%) of the 109 death row inmates are black, only 26% of the population is black.

Louisiana-17 (50%) of the 34 death row inmates are black, 30% of the population is black.

Mississippi-30 (58%) of the 52 death row inmates are black, 36% of the population is black.

North Carolina-42 (42%) of the 99 death row inmates are black, 23% of the population is black.

South Carolina-21 (50%) of the 43 death row inmates are black, 30% of the population is black.

Virginia-22 (50%) of the 45 death row inmates are black, 19% of the population is black.

Illinois-86 (63%) of the 136 death row inmates are black, 15% of the population is black.

Maryland-14 (87%) of the 16 death row inmates are black, 25% of the population is black.

New Jersey-8 (62%) of the 13 death row inmates are black, 15% of the population is black.

Ohio-53 (53%) of the 99 death row inmates are black, 10% of the population is black.

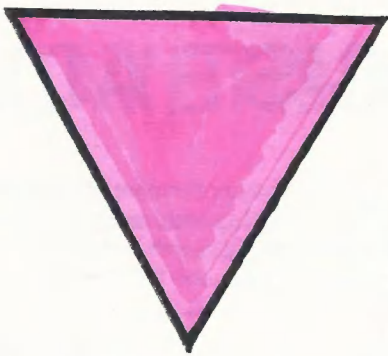
Pennsylvania-78 (60%) of the 132 death row inmates are black, 10% of the population is black.

The statistics on the race of the offender alone do not always indicate bias, given that roughly 50% of those arrested for murder are black. It also depends on the race of the victim in

cases where the death penalty is imposed. Between 1976 to 1991, 145 prisoners that were executed had been convicted of killing 147 victims. (The death penalty was reinstated in 1976.) 125 (84%) of these victims were white and 22 were black or of another minority group. 43 black or ethnic minority prisoners have been executed for killing white victims, not one white has been executed for killing a black victim. In August 1988, 43 whites were under the death sentence for killing black victims, while 727 blacks were executed for killing white victims.

In the late seventies, statistics were compared on all criminal homicides and death sentences imposed in Florida, Georgia, Texas and Ohio.





Fear of a Gay Planet

Through the U.S. and Canada the numbers of hate crimes against gaze and lesbians have increased dramatically. Violent attacks against gaze have been going on since the beginning of time. No thanks to christianity, which has played the majority ruling of the hatred towards lesbians. No longer will we hide our identity, we will stand up for our rights and our personal freedom.

In Washington D.C. two men were viciously attacked and beaten for holding hands in a "public park". The gay community decided to hold a "Bash Back Night", protesting the beatings of the two men. New York city gaze drew pink triangles all throughout New York, symbolizing that gaze and lesbians have been bashed in the area. In Montreal, two lesbians were kicked out of a coffee house for kissing each other and holding hands across the table. The next day one-hundred gays and lesbians gathered inside the coffee house and chanted "were queer, were here and we don't want your coffee", they then left without paying.

In Vancouver B.C. a billboard advertisement titled "Homophobia is killing us" was rejected by the advertising agency claiming "Graphic advertisement." The ad had two men holding one another and there was no graphic genital areas shown. The gay community protested this outrage outside of the advertising agency for three weeks, then a letter of apology from the execu-

tive director of the advertisement agency was read outside of the agency. The billboard was put back up.

One of the newest organization "Out-watch", which is similar to the "Pink Panthers", patrol the streets at night, arming themselves with only walkie talkies to communicate with each other. These members were usually victims of gay bashing themselves. Attacks on gay men and wimmin range from slander to severe beatings and sometimes death.

Queer Nation" and "Act-Up" two of the more militant gay organizations, hold protests and marches every week across the u.s. Act-Up was the group responsible for interrupting a mass in New York city, held by the pope. The group of activists protested against his blatant homophobic and pro-aids stance in the church. The protest received world wide coverage. Another act of Queer Nation and Act-Up was a boycott of the last "grammy awards", for the portrayal of gay men and wimmin in the film and movie industry. They also handed out maps of stars homes who were gay. (Hey, who knew?)

In france, an underground gay paper titled "Queer Assault" directly deals with outing influential gay people, including politicians, singers and media personal. Queer Assault's tactics range from violence to civil disobedience. Their latest boycott was directed at the European parliament, in which photographic pictures of parliament members were placed all through Europe, listing their names, home addresses and telephone numbers. Queer Assault also deal with homophobic media. An article in a French paper caused an uproar in the gay community when it said "Gay life-style is a choice." Over 2000 queers marched against the paper's business,

destroying property. Three months later the editor of the paper was fired.

There are several support groups and hot-lines that victims can call for help in cases of gay bashing and assault.

The history of queer bashing that is hardly ever talked about, is queer concentration camps. During the time of Auschwitz, any gay men or wimmin caught in the act of homosexuality was brought directly to the concentration camp. Homosexuality was considered an evil and immoral act. They were forced to wear upside down pink triangles, there heads were shaven, and they were gassed. Today the pink triangle is a symbol of gay men and wimmin world wide. We have also "taken back" insults, which have been labelled upon us by the heterosexual community such as Queer, Fag, Dyke, Sissy, Homo, Lezbo and Butch. We must learn that homosexuality is not wrong or against any religion, and that friends who no longer wish to associate with us, were never our friends to begin with. Of course we know all this, but we must teach the straight community that we are just as concerning and loving of ourselves and our gay sisters and brothers as they are with their brothers and sisters.

In Ontario Canada, a new law was passed which includes homosexuality in teachers guidelines. Representatives of schools are now responsible for teaching children that homosexuality is a "normal" act and you should not be afraid to "come out of the closet." (It's about fucking time!)

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RESIST ALL

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This article is going to include a few different issues about our society and how ridiculous our governments are. We need to look for a society based on our freedom, not a society based on control over our freedom.

Our governments political system should be one of the first priorities of all of our lives. Political oppression is subjected to us every minute of the day, the police car driving by, the rich classes bank on the corner, the stock exchange, all the way to the work force receiving petty wages from their bosses. The list runs long and I am sure you know most of them, because you experience them everyday.

The fact is, no matter what type of government there is, there is always someone who is in power. It does not matter who is in power, it could be your best friend who might have a great political opinion. If he or she (which is very unlikely for a womyn to get in power because of Patriarchy) are in power then they are enslaving people to their political theory. Which is repression and leads to tyranny of the worst kind.

Government of any kind has to be abolished. Self-determination and direct action from all of us has to be used to accomplish our individuality and freedom from any form of control. We believe that all men and wimmin should live in a condition of society that everyone can enjoy equally the benefits of a consolidated and logical life.

One of the first steps in gaining your individuality and freedom is to do away with institutions that taper off your liberty and interferes with your life, the conditions which compel you to act differently

from the way you really would like to, and of course there is the most oppressive and authoritative factor which degrades your freedom, this is government.

Government? Take a good look at it and you will discover that it is the worst criminal you will ever know of. It fills the world with violence, fraud and trickery, oppression and agony. It is the pollution of humankind, and is the disgrace of human intelligence. Even you would more than likely admit that government means violence and is wicked. Question yourself and you will discover that government is obscene, and you would probably say that you do not really need it to help you, but proclaim that it is there for others needs. Which is exactly what the other person would probably say towards you.

Human beings are social beings, they can barely survive alone, they live in communities or societies. Mutual need and common interests result in specific arrangements to afford us security and comfort. Such co-working is free and voluntary, it needs no force by any government. People would be able to seek their best desire, and would be able to progress to their finest. All through life you will find that the needs and inclinations of people make for association, for mutual protection and help. That is the difference between doing something from free choice and being forced. It is the difference between liberty and repression, between anarchy and government, because anarchism means voluntary co-operation instead of forced participation. It means peace and accord in place of interference and disorder.

With the abolishment of government the evils of greed, murder, and crime would literally vanish, except for a small amount during the first time span of the

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realisation that we would actually be free. Besides, the crime that may befall would not be near as severe as the crime of governments. Plus, first ask yourself if

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government really protects us from crime? Doesn't the government itself produce and support conditions which make for crime? Government again, develops the devotion of intolerance and persecution of hatred and more violence. Crime increases with the growth of poverty and injustice nourished by governments.

Crime is the result of economic conditions, of social prejudice of wrongs and evils of which governments and control are the supporters. Government or law can only wrongly punish the criminal, they can not cure nor prevent crime. The only real cure for crime is to abolish its foundations, which the government can never do because it is there sustaining those very causes. Crime can be eliminated only by abolishing its creation. Government can not do this.

The abolishment of government means to do away with the conditions of crime. Crimes resulting from the oppression, inequality and poverty from government, will vanish all together. Certain crimes will probably arise, such as crimes resulting from jealousy, passion, and from the spirit of force and violence which dominates the world today. With the abolishment of authority and possession they would gradually vanish under beneficial conditions with the passing away of the atmosphere that cultivated them. The abolishment of government will neither breed crime nor offer any foundation for its growth.

The truth is, present life is insignificant, difficult, confusing, and not sufficient from any point of view. That is why there is so much depression and discontent. The worker is not satisfied nor

is the authority happy over loss of property and power over "bad times".

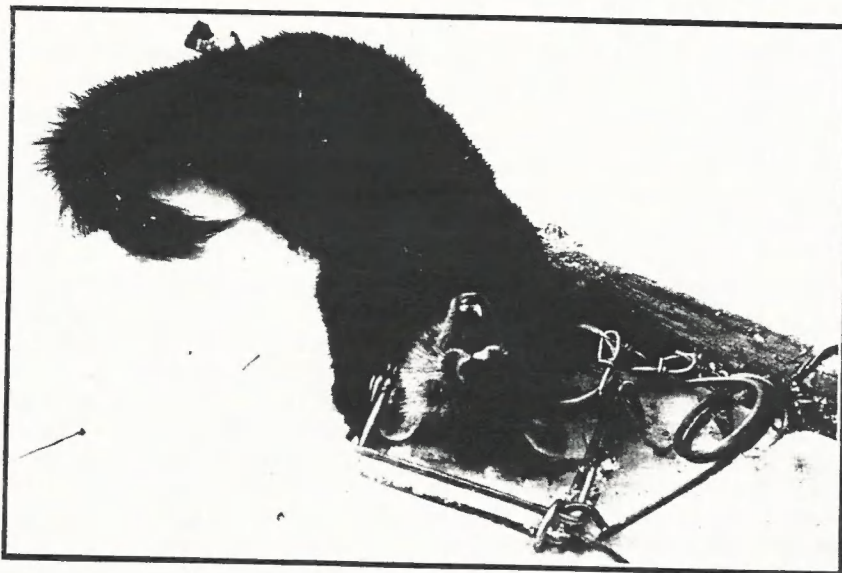
Capitalism is pointless and unnecessary. The threat of bankruptcy and unemployment are the main elements of a capitalist society. Capitalism only allows the rich to get richer and the poor to get poorer. Government is based on wealth and majority rule, so the poor are excluded from any act of gaining wealth or economic potential. The rich advance higher, while other rich people fills their place, and the poor.... stay poor. While getting oppressed by the rich, the poor are forced to pay the same as the rich. Fucked up!!

The only way to solve unemployment is to abolish capitalism and competitive private enterprise. (This also includes state ownership) Everybody would have a job of personal need. Which is necessary in any lifestyle. Responsibility is one prime component in the process of the abolishment of government. As mentioned earlier in the article: society would be based on voluntary cooperation, not forced participation. Doing this, people would feel the need to help people in need of help. Every one would have the full and unhindered opportunity to live and enjoy their life to the farthest of there capacity and no worries from financial or material loss, no one would really try to "take" more than they need, because there would be no need to.

All of the points that are mentioned in this article mean something...Anarchism. Anarchism has many definitions the ones you are probably aware of are more than likely wrong and are the total opposite.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT FUR:



Every year the fur industry spends millions to glamorize the fur coat and it hides the pain and death for billions of animals. The leghold trap is a

slow and excruciating death for animals caught in this barbaric device. These animals often chew thier own legs off to escape. If they are still alive when the

hunters return, they are bludgeoned, strangled and stomped upon. This trap is banned in 60 countries, yet it is still legal in Canada and the US.

Fur trappers discard millions of animals not wanted for thier pelts. This includes domestic pets and endangered species. These animals are known as "trash animals".

Raising animals on fur ranches is just as cruel. These animals are kept in close confinement and deprived of a natural life. When they are put to thier death they are gassed, suffocated, or electrocuted through the anus and the mouth. It is done this way to prevent damage to the pelt.

Fur coats are considered a symbol of vanity, but in reality, they are a symbol of death. You can smash the fur industry by not wearing fur, educating others and of course using....DIRECT ACTION! -for free pamphlets on fur contact us.

A CALL TO DIRECT ACTION

Animal rights people and groups. What are you waiting for, you all claim to be "animal rights" but do nothing but hold signs and walk in circles, fill out pointless petitions to government officials, and wait for the coming of animal liberation. If you people are so called animal rights, why don't you seriously fight for the lives of animals, not their rights. Smash windows, burn down their shops, totally make the murderers pay. They deserve it, don't they? They are murdering thousands of animals every second, and you sit on the fence waiting for them to stop. Why don't you go out and make them stop? Direct Ac-

tion in animal rights means an end to the slaughter and a start to the survival of millions of animals. Your protesting, and petition filling may work, and has worked in the past, but only through time and so much legislation. This time wasted could be used wisely and could be used to accomplished liberation quicker, by putting the murderers through total misery and force them down to bankruptcy.

Take matters into your own hands, don't rely on the government to pass any laws for animals. The government's policies proclaim that animals are here

for us to exploit, murder and torture, do you? You can stop the murder of animals, unite together, or do-it-yourself, take matters in to your own hands...DIRECT ACTION.



The Death Penalty - continued...

In these states, death sentences accounted for 70% of all death sentences imposed nationally at the time. Killers of whites were sentenced to death more often than killers of blacks. Even though most killers of whites were white, if you were black and killed a white you would more likely to be sentenced to death.

In Texas, blacks who killed whites were five to six times more likely to be put on death row than whites who killed whites. In Florida, blacks who killed whites were forty times more likely to get the death sentence than those who killed blacks.

During the seventies no white was sentenced to death for killing a black victim. However in 1980 a white man got the death penalty for murdering a black woman. He was the first white in that state to be sentenced to death for killing a black victim only.

Other studies were conducted in different capital punishment states, which have come to the same conclusion. A study in the early eighties was done to figure out why killers of whites, were eleven times more likely in Georgia, to get the death penalty than those killing black victims. It discovered two points which affected the likelihood of an eventual death penalty were the prosecutors decisions on 1) whether or not to plea bargain and 2) whether or not to seek a death sentence on a murder conviction. Black victim cases were more likely to plea to manslaughter or life sentence on murder convictions than cases of white victims. White victim cases (with Black defendants) were more likely to have charges reduced.

In Georgia, 40% of the cases of capital crimes sought the death penalty. The others received life sentences without a penalty hearing. But, most disturbing was finding that, although cases with white victims tended to be more aggravated in general, the levels of aggrava-

tion in crimes involving black victims had to be substantially higher before prosecutors charging and sentencing recommendations than the jury sentence decision.

Many other studies have found racial differences in prosecutors decisions and charging. One study found that race had a definite "extra-legal" influence when deciding whether or not someone received the death penalty. "Race and Prosecutorial Discretion in Homicide Cases" by some prosecutors had a tendency to "down-grade" black victim cases and, of course, "up-grade" white victim cases.

However, these findings do not always mean the prosecutor intentionally discriminated. There is alot of public pressure on prosecutors to seek the death penalty in white victim cases than black or other minority victim cases. Also, there is alot of community outrage and public pressure for a victim of a middle class background, which is more likely to apply to whites than blacks.

In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court examined racial discrimination in the death penalty (in *McCleskey V. Kemp's* case) to determine whether or not Georgia's capital punishment violated the Equal Protection Clause in the Fourteenth Amendment. The court demanded an large amount of proof for the defendant, who needed to prove 1) that the decision makers in his case intentionally acted discriminatory or 2) that the Georgia Legislature maintained the death penalty statue because of racial discrimination

The court decided that the statistics didn't prove that race came in to the decision of capital punishment in any one particular case. The court also noted that " any mode for determining guilt or punishment has its weaknesses and potential for misuse. Despite such imperfections, Constitutional guarantees are met when the mode for deter-

mining guilt or punishment has been surrounded with safeguards to make it as fair as possible." The majority did say some arguments should be addressed to individual state legislative bodies, to determine appropriate punishment in particular crimes. The court also noted "Despite *McCleskey's* wide ranging arguments that basically challenge the validity of capital punishment in our multi-racial society, the only question before us is whether in his case, the law of Georgia was properly applied." Justice John Paul Stevens noted, " The Court's decision appears to be based on a fear that acceptance of *McCleskey's* claim would sound the knell for capital punishment. If society were indeed forced to choose between a racially discriminatory death penalty (one that provides heightened protection against murder "for whites only") and no death penalty at all, the choice mandated by the Constitution would be plain". After the *McCleskey* ruling, a bill, entitled The Racial Justice Act, was drafted. This bill would outlaw the death sentence in cases conducted in a racially discriminatory manner. It was defeated in the U.S Senate on Oct.13,1988. The vote was 52 to 35.

We cannot continue to believe that the death penalty and life sentences are not conducted in a racist manner. The evidence is clear enough. One of the most telling statistics is that 6 of 11 defendants convicted of killing a white victim would not have received the death penalty if the victim was black. These figures obviously vary from state to state, but the results are the same-the taking of a white life deserves more punishment than the taking of a black life. The death penalty definitely needs to be abolished. Race will still be a large issue in sentencing, but at least it won't decide who lives and who dies.--Information from KICK IT OVER.

Mumia Abu-Jamal....continued

They withheld evidence and statements and used clipping from his newspaper articles as the defence of the death penalty, in direct violation of both the first amendment and UN Declaration of human rights, which forbids execution on the essence of political views.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is innocent and we can not let him be murdered by a racist, oppressive death penalty. The death penalty has already been used against political radicals, so they won't hesitate now, unless we use our collective strength and demand his release RIGHT NOW or he will be dead by christmas. USE YOUR STRENGTH. DEMAND HIS RELEASE, DEMAND HIS LIFE.

Write to protest: Gov. Robert Casey
Main Capitol Bldg, Rm. 225
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Fear of a Gay Planet Continued...

The root of all evil however stems from our parents and child birth. Parents are supposed to give you the highest form of love, unconditional however many gaze and lesbians are forced to hide their sexuality and the few that tell their parents are usually rejected and disowned. Many people who still think homosexuality is a choice must be taught at an early age that the bound between same sex couples is as strong as opposite sex couples.

In closing, I would like to say that if anyone slanders your name, bashes you, or rejects you from their family, FUCK EM! Your homosexuality is your life and you cannot change yourself to conform to their ideas of what a so

called "normal person" is supposed to be. Fight back and love your homosexuality!

Some groups to get involved with are:

**New York City Gay and Lesbian
Community Center
(212-620-7310)**

Queer Nation (212)-978-8720

WRITE US FOR A WHOLE LIST OF GAY AND LEZBIAN RESOURCES

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Anarchism does not mean chaos, confusion, disorder, murder and back to "Adam and Eve". As mentioned before it is plainly, the abolishment of government, living in a society of voluntary co-operation, liberation for ones self-determination, mutual aid and need, and overall, just plain freedom from coercion.

The fact is the majority of people seem to be afraid of their own freedom. Why is this? Government does not play any particular role in your life, except for the roles that most people hate. Most people say that anarchism is a myth and a dream, but the truth is that anarchism is in all of us, it is the most natural and logical way of life. Every human being who does not lack feeling and common sense is inclined to anarchism. Everybody who has ever experienced oppression, degradation, poverty, crime and depression should welcome the future to anarchism. Freedom is natural and everybody should want theirs. If anarchism was such a myth and a dream than why do governments try to avoid it, censor it, and totally lie about it if it was not such a threat to their power? The reality about anarchism is that it includes you and the person next to you. The only problem is that we have to take action, direct action. We have to consolidate with each other, communicate with each other, educate each other and forward our lives towards our freedom.

This article is only a small fragment of anarchism, and it needs to be discussed more. Contact Animadverse.

